

## LOCAL ITEMS.

**THE POTOMAC FISHERIES** are in operation this year to a very limited extent—the following being the only landings below this town which are fished, viz: on the Maryland side, Tent Landing, Moxley's Point, Bryan's Landing, Greenway, Chapman's Point and Crane Island; on the Virginia shore, Stony Point, High Point, and Pohick Creek. There are a number of gill-ers at work, also. The run of shad and herring has been good—although the late freshet has materially interfered with the hauling of the seines. The catch, therefore, for a time, was only sufficient to supply the daily demands of the markets—with but few surplus for salting. Shad are selling in the market at from 25 cents to 37½ cents per pair, and herring at 10 cents per dozen. The fish wharf in this place has ceased, for the present, to be a great fish depot. We quote shad at \$4 50@5 per hundred; herring, \$3 50@6 50 per thousand.

**"CONTRABAND."**—Notwithstanding the exertions on the part of the Federal authorities to prevent the importation of ardent spirits, yet the "critter" will sometimes creep in, though it has to be in very "questionable shapes." One day last week, a hog-head of bacon, apparently, was rolled off one of the Washington steamboats, when by some accident the head was broken, a few hams and shoulders fell out, when lo! the head of a cask was visible, and upon a closer inspection it was found to contain whiskey which was immediately seized and confiscated as "contraband."

**"CONTRABANDS."**—There are here now, numbers of negroes from the adjoining counties of Virginia. It is said that most of them, with the idea of freedom, have left good homes, and are wandering about, unable to get employment—were they desirous of work. Some are returning to their masters, while others would cheerfully do so had they the means. Great numbers of these negroes are in Washington, and the more northern cities, where we notice there is already much complaint about them.

**THE STEAMER JAMES GUY.**—This well known river steamer has been purchased from the widow of the late Captain Page for the sum of \$10,000, by Messrs. Thomas Stacpole and Wm. Ripley. We learn that the boat is to be repaired and put in thorough order.

**FIRE.**—A fire broke out about three o'clock this morning in the building formerly occupied by the New York and Virginia Screw Steam Ship Company, but now used by the U. S. government as a store house for army supplies, but the flames were extinguished before any damage was done.

**GRAND BALL.**—By reference to our advertising column, it will be seen that a grand ball, "the first of the season," will be given at the Odeon on Wednesday evening next. Those who wish to have a good dance should attend.

**FIRE IN OCCOQUAN.**—A fire occurred in Occoquan, on Saturday night last, destroying the mill owned by Francis Hania, and the houses belonging to Mr. J. Janey. It is said that the mill was fired by an incendiary hand.

It is said that Mr. Lewis Washington, of Harper's Ferry, died in Richmond, last week.

Daniel E. Sickles has been confirmed as Brigadier General in the U. S. army.

## Telegraphic News.

[FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

From Norfolk.

Norfolk, May 12.—The city continues very quiet, most of the stores are still closed, but expect to open in a day or two, except in those cases where the occupants have left the city for the army. Some excitement still prevails, but it is supposed that in a few days when communication is fully opened with Northern ports the confidence will be fully restored. The prices of almost everything are astonishingly high, candles for instance of a miserable quality 60 cents per pound, common brown wrapping paper and envelopes 50 cents per package, brown sugar 20 cents per pound, a number of stores will be opened, however, in a few days by parties from Old Point and Baltimore, who will bring supplies of articles much wanted here.

The Post Office and Custom House will shortly be re-opened. Very little union sentiment is openly expressed; all over the city our soldiers, officers as well as the privates, freely talk with the citizens, which must produce a good effect.

All the fortifications in the vicinity are occupied by the Union troops, and all the public property is in the possession of the Federal authorities. The policy of the Confederate government appears to be to concentrate their troops at Richmond, and some say that all the Gulf States will be given up before Virginia, that Richmond will be held to the very last.—All insist that a desperate resistance will be made there, if nowhere else. Several negroes arrived at Suffolk this morning. They report no troops, guns or fortifications there, or on the road this side. Among most of the citizens here there is little confidence in the officers of the Confederate government. The Confederate notes are refused in many instances. Gold and silver are welcomed with enthusiasm by all classes of the population, many of whom have not seen either for many months.

Elizabeth river, between Norfolk and Portsmouth, is of a deep coffee color, on account of the tobacco thrown overboard. Large quantities were recovered to-day damaged by the water. Gen. Vile, the Military Governor, pursues a course calculated to produce the impression of the superiority of the Federal government, and intends throwing no obstacle in the way of private business, or the enforcement of ordinances of the city government.

The Day Book newspaper will be continued as an afternoon instead of a morning edition, on the condition that it should be respectful in its tone. The first number printed to-day contains nothing except extracts from Northern papers and an editorial statement of the facts of the evacuation and occupation of the city.

## Postal Arrangement.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Charles Chase has been appointed by the Postoffice Department of the United States, Postmaster at the town of Fredericksburg, Va.

A special agent of the Postoffice Department has been sent to Norfolk and Portsmouth with a view to the re-establishment of United States mail facilities in that vicinity.

## From the Gulf.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Commodore Porter's fleet is reported as having been off Fort Morgan, near the entrance of Mobile, on Thursday. The attack on the city was hourly expected.

Our gun-boats were reconnoitering the Savannah river on the morning of the same day.

## THE FIRST ANNUAL BALL

WILL BE HELD AT

## THE ODEON,

CORNER OF KING AND HENRY STS., IN THIS CITY,

On Wednesday Evening, May 14th, 1862.

OPEN AT 8 O'CLOCK.

GOOD MUSIC and the best of REFRESHMENTS will be served on the occasion.

TICKETS, ONE DOLLAR.

my 13—2t C. PRICE &amp; CO., Proprietors.

## THE ODEON,

CORNER OF KING AND HENRY STS.,

[SECOND FLOOR.]

THIS PLACE OF AMUSEMENT has proved from its opening, by good conduct, the best in this city. It is open all day and evenings, where the proprietors make it their whole duty to see that strict order is kept, and customers waited upon promptly.

The Bar is supplied at all times with the choicest ALES, LAGER BEER, WINES and CIGARS.

Entertainment by the Pianist, Louis Lockstaedt.

Come one! Come all!

Admittance—FREE.

Lady Waiters in attendance.

C. PRICE,

HENRY BREMEN,

my 13—1m

Proprietors.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.**—By virtue of a deed of trust, bearing date on the 20th day of October, 1859, and by consent of parties, the undersigned, substituted trustee, will, on *SATURDAY, the 14th day of June, 1862, at 12 o'clock, M.*, in front of the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, sell at public auction, the three-story **BRICK DWELLING HOUSE**, No. 46 North Royal street, in the city of Alexandria, and the lot on which it stands, fronting on Royal street 34 feet 1 inch, and 123 feet 5 inches deep, lately occupied by James S. French. This is one of the most complete and comfortable dwellings in the city of Alexandria, situated in a central location, near to the market, and in a pleasant neighborhood.

**TERMS:**—Five per cent. of the purchase money, and the sum of \$610, in cash, and the residue in five equal payments at three, six, and twelve months from the day of sale, the deferred payments to be an interest and to be secured by the notes of the purchaser and a deed of trust on the premises.

ALEXANDER HAY,

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substituted trustee.

## INSURANCE AGENCY.

**HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO.,** Capital, \$500,000. *Nett Surplus*, \$101,341.

**HOME INSURANCE CO., NEW YORK,** Capital, \$1,000,000. *Nett Surplus*, \$160,144.

**POLICIES** in either of the above-named companies issued, and losses adjusted by the undersigned, agent at Alexandria, Va. For insurance, apply at No. 76 King street, *up-stairs*, or to

ANDREW JAMIESON,

my 13—1m

Agent.

## KEEP COOL!

ICE! ICE!! ICE!!!

THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES PLEASURE in informing his friends and the public generally, that he has made arrangements to keep constantly on hand a supply of ICE during the season. Persons desiring the above article can obtain it by calling at his depots, No. 149, King street, between Washington and St. Asaph, or at the old depot, on Fairfax street, under the old Watch House, opposite the Adams' Express Office.

my 13—4m

P. G. HENDERSON.

## NOTICE.

HENRY COOK would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has removed to the Drug Warehouse, No. 39 King street, formerly occupied by Peel & Stevens, where he would be glad to see the customers of the former occupants, as well as his own. He is now receiving a fresh stock of goods, which he is determined to sell at very moderate prices.

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## CHLORIDE LIME.

A FULL SUPPLY received, and for sale by HENRY COOK, No. 39 King street.

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